

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2 and 5 through 9 are now pending herein.

Base claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 8 and 9 have been added. Support for the amended features recited in the claims can at least be found in the specification at least at page 7, lines 10-15.

(1) Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Davis.

(2) Claims 2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Davis in view of Marks et al.

(3) Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Davis in view of Saruwatari

It is respectfully submitted that none of the instant claims, as amended, are anticipated, or would they have been obvious to an artisan, at least for reasons given hereinbelow.

In regard to claim 1, Davis fails to disclose a Davis including means for determining which one image of a plurality of objects is being gazed upon by a viewer and means for selectively adjusting a zoom and a focus of a lens in a direction of the one image.

While Davis may be deemed to show determining the general direction of gaze of a view (e.g., col. 3, lines 16-19), nothing found in Davis teaches or suggests that a particular object being gazed upon can be determined. For example, Davis states that a zoom control can enlarge an area of the image around the direction of gaze (col. 4, lines 57-59), but Davis does not teach that a determination is made as to which of a plurality of objects is being gazed upon.

At least for this reason Davis is not believed to teach each and every feature recited in the amended independent claims and therefore cannot anticipate these claims.

All claims dependent the independent claims discussed above are believed to be allowable at least for dependency there from, and for separate reasons of patentability.

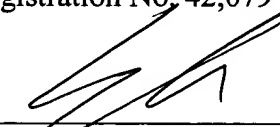
This Amendment After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. In any event, however, entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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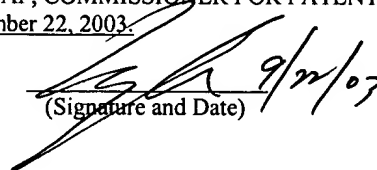
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